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Economic Development

Consultant Urges Partnerships, Tax Incentives and Facilitation

by James Giese

Members of the Greenbelt City Council expressed displeasure that a final report on the Greenbelt Economic Development Study was not in the hands of the council for its worksession with Stuart Eisenberg, executive director of the Hyattsville Community Development Corporation (HCDC) on December 5. A draft report was presented to council July 5 with a promise of the final report within three weeks. While Eisenberg discussed the final report and used slides to depict some of its findings, he told council that it was still being put together into a “nice package.”

No explanation for the delay was given at the meeting but councilmembers assumed some responsibility for delay, noting that its time was being consumed by the search for a new city manager, City Manager Michael McLaughlin having announced his plan to retire this winter.

Recommendations

Eisenberg told council that the study’s recommendations remained unchanged from that presented in the draft. There are three basic recommendations. The first is for the city to outreach to businesses. It can do this by promoting the business toolkit pre-

pared by the consultants which has been put on the city website, creating closer relationships with existing businesses and property owners, building confidence in Greenbelt as a place to work and establishing new businesses and employees. To this end, the consultants recommended the city use current budget funds to employ two qualified interns to make contacts with local businesses to promote the business toolkit and launch small business support programming such as seminars, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

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Solomon Will Study in the UK As a 2017 Marshall Scholar

by Abby Robinson

University of Maryland senior and lifelong Greenbelter Aaron Solomon has been named a 2017 Marshall Scholar. The Marshall Scholarship, which allows American students to pursue graduate study at any university in the United Kingdom, is considered one of the most prestigious academic awards available to college graduates.

“Aaron is a young man burst-

ing with ambition, creativity and grace,” said Mary Ann Rankin, senior vice president and provost at UMD. “He has already compiled a notable record of solution-driven research accomplishments and made extraordinary investments in service activities demonstrative of his deeply held commitment to improving the lives of others. We are privileged to count him among our own.”

Solomon – who is majoring in biological sciences with a specialization in cell biology and genetics, and minoring in computer science – plans to use the scholarship toward a master of science degree in genomic medicine at Imperial College London followed by a master of philosophy degree in bioscience enterprise at the University of Cambridge. His long-term plans include earning a Ph.D. and pursuing a career in computational genomics.

“This is the opportunity of a lifetime,” said Solomon, who also completed a citation in the Integrated Life Sciences Program of the Honors College. “The Marshall Scholarship will enable me to study cutting-edge biomedical science on a global scale and collaborate internationally to enhance human health. Throughout my years in the United Kingdom, I hope to prepare myself to tackle future challenges at the nexus of science and society.”

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What Goes On

There are no council meetings scheduled between December 26 and December 30.

Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2

City offices will be closed and the Greenbelt Connection will not be running.

Information on trash pickups and the recreation facility schedule through the holiday season is in the City Information advertisement on Page 7.

Greenbelt’s Educators

In celebration of American education, these columns tell the stories of selected teachers from the schools serving the Greenbelt community. This week readers will get a glimpse inside Greenbelt Middle School.

The stories feature two teachers or staff members at each school; these are coordinated by David Lange who originated the series, Pamela Gregory who liaises with the schools and Alice Murray who works with the reporters.

Amazing Success Follows Lentz’s Music Development

by Lynn White

After earning a degree in Instrumental Music Education from Towson University, Anna Lentz began her career as a music teacher. Now in her eighth year with the Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) she currently serves as Creative Arts team leader, orchestra director, and guitar instructor at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS).

Prior to becoming full-time at GMS, she split her time between teaching orchestra at Nicholas Orem and Greenbelt Middle Schools. While she enjoyed teaching at two schools,



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LENTZ

Anna Lentz

it took some adjustment for her to get used to two different administrations, music departments and groups of students. Each school has its own culture and routine requiring some time to adjust for floating

teachers.

When the new GMS facility opened, the administration wanted to offer more electives to students so they brought Anna on to develop the music department. Anna has had amazing success in a short amount of time. She took the program from a

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Chanita Stamper, Assistant Principal, Greenbelt Middle

by Lynn White

Chanita Stamper has been an educator for 18 years. She began her career in Buffalo, New York as a math teacher. She’s been with the Prince George’s County Public School System for eleven years. She left the classroom to work as a math coordinator, team

leader and math instructional leader in the Capital Heights area almost 10 years ago. This is her first year at Greenbelt Middle School as assistant principal.

Chanita notes that there has been somewhat of a transition from the role of instructional leader to assistant principal. “Both roles require an intense focus on instruction,” she stated. But as an assistant principal, she noted, she also “focuses on many managerial duties, including ensuring that outstanding instruction continues in the absence of teachers, that there is consistent communication with parents, that a student discipline plan is estab-



PHOTO COURTESY OF CHANTIA STAMPER

Chanita Stamper

lished and monitored each day, as well as a myriad of other activities that allow for a smooth and productive day.” “It’s intense, but I appreciate all of it,” she added. “The work has to get done.”

Moving forward, she would like to create more partnerships with the

Greenbelt community and identify organizations that may be interested in helping support student development. She hopes that this will provide another outlet that will support the instructional aspect of students’ education. She would also like to further build teacher capacity and provide more resources for professional development to move teachers in a positive direction.


Thus far, Chanita said she has had a wonderful experience at Greenbelt Middle School. The staff, parents and surrounding community have been supportive. She hopes to continue that progress in the coming years.



PHOTO BY JILL CONNOR

Alice Donahue or Grannie of Grannie and the Boys sits by her piano. See story on page 5.

News Review Carriers Envelopes Coming Soon



News Review carrier tip envelopes were distributed throughout the town last week though there may be a few that are delivered with this issue. Please think about sending a good tip to the youngsters (and oldsters) who deliver the paper.

If you didn't get an envelope and would like to send a tip to your carrier, please put it in an envelope and send it to the paper at Greenbelt News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100 and make sure the delivery address is on the envelope. Clearly mark the envelope with the word Carrier and make sure your address is legible so we can get it to the right person.

Many's the young person who got their first experience of the work world as a carrier for this newspaper. It is impressive how well these young people do out in the world and they are worthy of encouragement and reward.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

On behalf of Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA), we thank Greenbelt citizens, the City of Greenbelt and the larger community for your enthusiastic support and participation during this year. Despite the tragic loss of our president, Barbara Simon, in June, we were compelled to continue our work to support music and art at the New Deal Café and the Roosevelt Center.

Whether you attended one of the outdoor concerts such as Crazy Quilt, the 14th Blues Festival, Blues Sampler, the new Jazz Under the Stars; attended an artist's reception at the Café; read a poem in Poetry Moment; or enjoyed a local graduating jazz guitarist, to name some of our sponsored events, we celebrate arts with you. For more information about participating and volunteering please visit us at newdealcafe.com/fondca/default.php

FONDCA Board Vice President Leeann Irwin

Public's Input Not Wanted

On November 28 we submitted a complaint to the Open Meetings Compliance Board against the Greenbelt City Council contending the council violated the Maryland Open Meetings Act (the Act) regarding the executive sessions held on March 9, March 16, March 23, May 18, May 25, June 14, June 21, July 6, July 20, July 21, August 3 and October 3. The council has represented that the purpose of these meetings was to hire a new city manager and that the meetings were closed under a "personnel matter" exception under the Ann. Code of Md., General Provisions § 3-305(b)(1).

According to the Act, when a public body (such as council) contemplates a closed meeting, the public body must meet four requirements: (1) the presiding officer (Mayor Emmett Jordan) must state the reason for closing the meeting, the topics to be discussed and the statutory exception allowing a closed meeting; (2) the presiding officer must conduct a recorded vote on whether to close the meeting, with each member's vote specified; (3) the members of the public body must confine the discussion to the topics and the scope of the exception disclosed on the closing statement; and

(4) after the closed meeting, the public body must disclose, in the minutes of the next open session, the nature of what was discussed, who attended the closed meeting and what actions the public body took.

Every councilmember except Rodney Roberts voted to close the meetings to the public. We cannot confirm that council confined their discussion to the topic since minutes of closed meetings are not available for public review.

We contend council (1) failed to meet the requirements of the personnel matters public meeting exception, (2) failed to prepare closing statements that convey enough detail about the topic to be discussed and the reason for excluding the public from the meetings and (3) as to the June 14 and June 21 meetings, omitted and concealed important information about the meetings.

Among other possibilities, we contend council concealed from the public, until August 8, the presence of the executive search firms at the June 14 and June 21 closed meetings. At the August 8 council meeting, council passed a resolution to contract with one of the executive search firms to recruit candidates for the city manager position. The public was prevented from being meaningfully informed of the process and therefore left unable to express guidance and objections.

We contend council closed the meetings to conceal from the public the discussions to develop and prioritize factors used to select an executive search firm. For instance, according to the minutes of the August 8 council meeting one of these selection factors was a record of strong success in the recruitment of female and minority candidates. However, had the public been allowed to participate in the discussions, selection factors such as protection of forestland, management of historic landmarks and experience working with cooperative institutions could possibly have been given higher priority.

We contend the meetings should have been open to the public. The public should have been allowed to give input into the development of the selection factors for its city manager. We expect the Compliance Board to give an opinion in about sixty days.

Brian Almquist

Corrections

In the "Our Neighbors" column on December 15, we misstated the role of Alice Balzer Donahue with Grannie and the Boys. It should have said that she plays the keyboard with the band.

In the December 15 article about the Democratic Club's 40th anniversary celebration, three names were misspelled: Stuart Jordan, Marcia Krasnick and Jeanette Gordy.


In the December 8 issue, we misidentified two individuals in the photograph of the recycling bin winners. Lois Gorman was second from the left in the front row and Cheryl Peckenpaugh was third from the left.

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PETE REPPERT

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Tues. 5:15, 8:00 PM
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Thurs. 5:15, 8:00 PM

Greet the New Year, 2017, In Zero Waste Fashion

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center was created to celebrate the arts and bring a creative community closer together. This New Year’s Eve’s “An Evening with Friends” program gives artists and the audience a chance to contribute in another way as well by taking on the challenge of our town being a zero-waste city. Volunteers, led by Susan Barnett, will have reusable or compostable eating ware for you to compost and recycle. Barnett indicates that by not sending materials to the landfill, we conserve and reuse our natural resources, save energy and land.” It’s not every artistic endeavor that offers this possibility. Your ears and eyes will be treated to a wonderful array of musicians, short films and possibly a robotics demonstration provided by “The Makers Club.” Additionally, there will be a tribute to the late Barbara Simon, whose vision and determination provided opportunities for young people in the arts, and demonstrated the strong link between the arts and the local economy.

The program will feature a number of talented musicians and vocalists: Emmett Jordan on guitar, Glenn Harris on bass and Konrad Herling on piano. All three will perform as soloists and in tandem. Vocalist Dixie

Doyle, of Edgewater, will sing a few show tunes, which will demonstrate why she is so popular when performing before golden age groups and other clubs in the Maryland suburbs.

Patricia Walter, of Greenbelt Station is practicing “The Meditation from the Massenet Opera” and will also be joined by youngster Daphne Jackson, one of her students for a joyful duet. Eleventh grade Northwestern student, Crystal Delarzo, will perform a few pieces on the piano. Finally, The Makers Club is working on providing a robotics demonstration. Stay tuned.

As usual, at around 11:45 p.m., the audience will walk up to the main level of the Roosevelt Center to sing with relish “Auld Lang Syne” perhaps in concert with the New Deal Café folks and those from the Old Greenbelt Theatre, as well, to bring in the new year.

If you’d like to get a feel for what “An Evening with Friends” is like, check out greenbeltaccessstv.org to see when a previously aired show will be on the tube.

To make reservations, call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770. Order tickets online at greenbeltartscenter.org.

City Notes

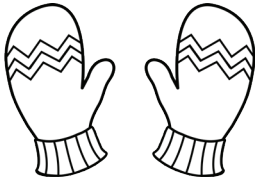
Public Works staff inspected work at the stream restoration project off Hanover Parkway.

Refuse/recycling/sustainability staff collected 25.80 tons of refuse and 13.43 tons of recyclable material and put together bins for the TerraCycle station, chose the materials to be upcycled, created the labels and signs and built the containers.

Aquatic & Fitness Center staff reports 85 unwrapped Toys for Tots were delivered to U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.



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Happy Holidays!

Holiday Hours:
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Open – Saturday, December 24, 10-12Noon
Closed – Sunday, Christmas Day
Open – Monday, December 26th at 11AM

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Orientation Class – Tuesday., Jan. 3rd , 7-10PM

Check out our Channel on Comcast 77 and Verizon Fios 19
To view our schedule, visit: www.greenbeltaccessstv.org
And click on “Channel”

At the Library

All Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) branches will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26 for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day holidays. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, December 27 at 1 p.m. All PGCMLS branches will be closed from Friday, December 30 through Monday, January 2, 2017 for the New Year’s Eve and New Year’s Day holidays. The Greenbelt Library will reopen on Tuesday, January 3 at 1 p.m.

Weekly Ready 2 Read Storytimes. Wednesday, December 28, ages 3 to 5, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 20 people. Thursday, December 29, ages newborn to 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); ages 2 to 3, 4:15 p.m., limit 20 people.

GHI Notes

Monday, December 26, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available at 301-474-6011.

Wednesday, December 28, 7 p.m., Buildings Committee Meeting, Board Room

Friday, December 30, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available.

Monday, January 2, office closed. Emergency maintenance service available.

Thursday, January 5, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting, Board Room

Saturday, January 7, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

Community Events

Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of December 26 are as follows:

Monday, December 26: All sites closed for holiday.

Tuesday, December 27: Baked swai with lemon butter sauce, whipped potatoes, herbed green beans, wheat roll, tropical fruit, apple juice.

Wednesday, December 28: Stuffed shells with meat sauce, kale, apple fruit treat, wheat hamburger bun, grape juice.

Thursday, December 29: Turkey burger, green peas, sliced carrots, wheat hamburger bun, citrus fruit cup, apple juice.

Friday, December 30: Glazed turkey ham, black-eyed peas, cabbage, cornbread, fruited cherry jello, apple juice.

Co-op Holiday Hours and Events

In celebration of the holidays, the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and Pharmacy will be altering its regular hours. The store will be open on December 24 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be closed all day on December 25. It will also be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on December 31, and open regular hours all other days. The pharmacy will be open its regular hours December 24 and 31.

Special tasting events will round out the year. On Friday, December 23 resident wine expert John Mealey will be joined from 4 to 7 p.m. by Joe from Opici Family distributors. They will be offering samples of a wide variety of sparkling, still, red and white wines for holiday parties or the dinner table.

Wednesday, December 28 is the final Patron Appreciation Day of 2016 where all shoppers will receive a 5 percent discount on purchases. There will also be a wine tasting from 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday, December 30, which will feature the Co-op’s pre-New Year’s Eve food and wine tasting. There will be a few different yet easily replicated appetizers to go along with a selection of wines for New Year’s Eve.

The entire staff at the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket and its Board of Directors wishes members and patrons happy and healthy holidays.



The Reel Magic of the Holidays
begins with you!

For the first time ever, we at the Old Greenbelt Theatre are running an end-of-year giving campaign to support all our free community programs.

You will receive a donation envelope at your door within the next week.

We thank you for your support!

Greenbelt Arts Center
NEW YEAR’S EVENT AT GAC

New Year’s Evening with Friends

The Greenbelt New Year’s Evening With Friends returns to the stage at the Greenbelt Arts Center on December 31!

Bringing the community together through the arts and creative ideas

Magician, Music, Short films from the Utopia Film Festival!

This will be a zero waste event.

Among the talented performers:
Greenbelt Mayor Emmett Jordan
Greenbelt City Council member Konrad Herling
Patricia Walters, City Environmental Sustainability Committee
And More!

A Remembrance Of Long-Time Arts Creator And Fierce Proponent, Barbara Simon.

Audience will be invited to move to the Roosevelt Center plaza to sing Auld Lang Syne at 11:55 p.m. to welcome the New Year. There are still openings on the program so potential performers are encouraged to contact Konrad Herling at 301-345-9369.

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AT 8:30PM

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UMD’s fifth Marshall Scholar, Solomon has extensive community service and research experience, including projects focused on drastically reducing greenhouse gas pollutants in agricultural fertilizers using nanoscience techniques, genetically engineering fungi to attack mosquitos carrying malaria and developing bioinformatic tools to better understand breast cancer patient data.

During a summer research internship in 2015, Solomon analyzed trauma resuscitations and developed new software to flag drugs effective at lowering mortality rates caused by infectious pathogens at the University of Maryland Medical Center’s R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center. He also coordinated the efforts of lawyers, researchers and institutional officials to negotiate a major data-use agreement with other medical institutions, enabling the resumption of a five-year research program that had been halted by institutional conflicts over information sharing.

In March 2017, Solomon and two classmates will watch a biology experiment they developed launch to the International Space Station. The experiment aims to expand our understanding of how bacteria behave in microgravity – and ultimately how to safeguard space travelers.

“There’s nothing like fulfilling



Aaron Solomon works in the laboratory at University of Maryland.

a childhood dream of flying to space – even if it’s by proxy of an experiment,” said Solomon, who is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s Science and Technology Magnet Program.

Founded by a 1953 Act of Parliament and named in honor of U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall, the Marshall Scholarships commemorate the humane ideals of the Marshall Plan and express the continuing gratitude of the British people to their American counterparts. The first class of 12 Marshall Scholars arrived in the United Kingdom in 1954; those elected today will enter universities in 2017.

The scholarships, which can be extended up to three years,

provide university fees, cost of living expenses, an annual book grant, a thesis grant, research and daily travel grants, fares to and from the United States, and a contribution toward the support of a dependent spouse.

Abby Robinson is Director of Communications at the University of Maryland.



Upcoming Events At the New Deal Café

On Thursday, December 22, Lynn Hollyfield hosts the Songwriters’ Association of Washington (SAW) open mic from 7 to 10 p.m.

Friday, December 23, enjoy jazz and blues piano by Takoma Park’s own John Guernsey from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Cold Hard Cash plays their tribute to the legendary Johnny Cash, featuring spot-on recreations of both the sound and spirit of the originals from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The Café will be closed on December 24 and December 25.

On Tuesday, December 27, CLaw Comedy Productions presents the New Deal Laugh-In Showcase featuring some of the area’s funniest comics performing together for one night only, 7 to 9 p.m.! Parental guidance suggested.

Wednesday, December 28, Jan Knutson, Greenbelt’s jazz guitarist extraordinaire and artist-in-residence for Strathmore, plays from 7 to 9 p.m. Steve Abshire will be accompanying.

Thursday, December 29, Tom Gleason hosts open mic from 7 to 9 p.m.



Ice covers a pansy after Saturday's storm.

Season's Greetings

Wishing you a very
Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays
and a New Year filled with Peace,
Joy and Happiness

Silke Pope,
Council Member

Season's Greetings

from
Mary Lou
Williamson



Carolina wren



Male cardinal at Buddy Attick Park



Lavender is covered with ice after the storm.

Alice Donahue on Keyboard With Grannie and the Boys

by Jill Connor

Alice Donahue has raised five children in GHI housing in Greenbelt, has six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and spends every Sunday evening playing keyboard in a bar in the Bloomingdale district of Washington, D.C. with her band Grannie and the Boys. When asked about the band name Donahue responded, “It was obvious where I was in life. Why should that offend me? It took a lot for me to get to this place in life. That’s my honor.”

Lately the band has been getting a lot of attention from a variety of media including newspapers, magazines, radio and even an appearance on German television. “We never thought in our wildest dreams it would take off because of the title (Grannie and the Boys) and because I happen to be white, elderly and in a black band. Because of the ‘Grannie,’ people want to see who is this grannie, and what is she playing.” This grannie wears a shiny gold blouse in a bar filled with millennials, some of whom are dancing to her music. “It seems to bring out something in people. We’re a celebrity in Bloomingdale’s. They obviously know the band.” Donahue has had people call to her from car windows as she walks down the street to rehearsal, carrying her music bag.

The ‘Boys’ are four African American men in their sixties. One of the boys is Richard Lynch the drummer, and the other original band member. Lynch met Donahue when she was taking music courses at University of Maryland after her husband died. Donahue’s eldest daughter had encouraged her mother to get out of the house and to finish her degree. Lynch saw Donahue studying music and “he snatches my music book and said ‘Hey, are you into music?’” Lynch, who is 20 years her junior, said “I just saw how pretty she was and I just wanted to meet her. I just didn’t know how to do it. She was white and I was black.” Lynch asked Donahue if she would manage his band. She agreed, though she had no knowledge or experience to do so.

She managed the band for over a year, and continues to do so today. When the band’s keyboard player had to leave the band, Lynch told the story about how he asked Donahue to take over for him. “I turned to her and said ‘Do you really play as well as you say you do?’ She said ‘Yeah, but I never played in a band before.’ I said ‘But you said you could play?’ She said ‘Well, yeah I can play.’ I said ‘Ok, here is the tape.’ The rest was history.” Two weeks later Donahue “did extremely well,” said Lynch. Over 16 years later she is still playing keyboard and performs on each of the band’s seven CDs.

Donahue has been playing piano since she was three. Donahue said she “is a pianist, not a keyboardist.” The difference is playing melody along with the chords, “which is harder,” said Donahue. She uses a Yamaha keyboard in the bar because, she said, “It has the closest sound to a piano.” Donahue said there is one problem with piano sound on a keyboard. “I’m like the little



The D.C.-based band Grannie and the Boys members from left, Richard Lynch, drummer; Alice Donahue, keyboard; Melvin Harrod, guitar; and Roberto Santos, bass guitar; (missing) Shelton Hawkins, vocals. They play every Sunday night 7:30 to 10 at the Showtime Lounge on Rhode Island Avenue in Washington D.C.



Alice Donahue or Grannie of Grannie and the Boys sits by her piano and keyboard set up in her GHI home in Greenbelt where she raised her five children and has lived for the past 59 years.

Photos by Jill Connor

squirt at the bottom.” When the band gets carried away and too loud, Donahue will “drop out” and stop playing. When they ask what happened she replies, “That’s the password that you better shape up.”

Lynch and the other band members are all professional musicians and have been most of their careers, unlike Donahue. Lynch said “That’s another reason why I play with Alice. So what that she’s white. So what that she’s elderly. So what does that have to do with the person. It’s her ability. It’s whether she can do it or not. I actually want the people to look at us crazily,” Lynch said. “We play real instruments. We are not a synthesized band. We have three major types we play, funk, classic rock and smooth jazz.” They prefer to call their music “people music,” Donahue said. “We play music for people. People music, music that people will love. If it’s not people music, what’s the point of playing it. It’s what they love and like.”

Besides at least two rehearsals a week and a happy hour gig every other Wednesday, Grannie

and the Boys also play every Sunday night at the Showtime Lounge in Washington, D.C. on Rhode Island Avenue from 7:30 to 10 p.m., even Christmas Day. Donahue said “It’s a Sunday.”



Wishing You
Every Happiness
This Holiday Season
And Throughout
The Coming Year!



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Greenbelt City Council - Mayor

Wishing all Greenbelters
Happy Holidays and
a Joyous New Year
Robert and Sylvia Lewis



City Staff Holiday Party A Zero-waste Event

by Connor Roessler

The City of Greenbelt staff holiday party is a time of reflection and celebration for the city’s hardworking employees, council and retirees. On December 15, staff from the Department of Public Works, with the help of Li'l Dan Celdran, worked to make the event zero waste, truly something to celebrate. A zero-waste station provided three separate bins for staff to sort their waste into compostables, recyclables and landfill trash. Partygoers learned that plastic bottles, cups and soda cans are recyclable and that much of their waste was compostable.

Composting is a process that breaks down organic waste into a usable soil amendment. Compost can be used to grow plants in a yard or garden, as well as to capture and filter polluted stormwater runoff. At the holiday celebration, over 22 pounds of compostable paper plates, napkins and left-over food scraps were collected and taken to My Organic Market (MOM's) of College Park where it will be brought to a facility to be composted.

Celdran collected plastic eating utensils (which cannot be recycled in Prince George’s County) to be cleaned and reused. She also collected the decorative garland for a crafting project to prevent its disposal in a landfill. Thanks to these efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle and compost at the party, Greenbelt is extra green this holiday season.

Connor Roessler is a Chesapeake Conservation Corps member working for Public Works.



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Zero-waste station for the city staff holiday celebration.

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A Zero Waste Event!

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The second recommendation is to facilitate development. For this the city needs to build new and better relationships with the development community, address the long-term city needs and interests proactively and leverage private investment to achieve municipal goals. The consultants note an earlier Greener Greenbelt Initiative study done in 2008 that suggested using space around Roosevelt Center to provide added development to improve the viability of this economically marginal shopping district. They suggested that by allocating \$25,000 for the assistance of a consultant, city staff, council and advisory boards could identify suitable areas for infill development and the type sought, and produce a request for private developers to propose specific marketable construction for the proposed area.

The third recommendation advocates establishing public/private relationships in which both the public and the property owner would invest in development determined to be of mutual benefit. This was particularly suggested for Beltway Plaza, which has become an outdated shopping mall and where owners have suggested conversion to a town center that combines both retail business and residences.

Conclusions

The consultants concluded in the report that although council has made a start in undertaking an economic development program, “more non-budgetary and policy groundwork is necessary before the City of Greenbelt would be able to effectively deploy dedicated economic development staffing.” Other conclusions are that council needs to engage with the business and development communities proactively, address the city’s economic development needs through programming designed to address multiple goals and empower city staff to pursue economic development outcomes.

Eisenberg emphasized the need to reallocate staff resources to undertake the first steps of initiating a better relationship with the business and development communities. Until the city clarifies its objectives for economic development, he saw no need for employing an economic development coordinator as there would be nothing to coordinate.

Incentives

Some ways to encourage economic development are to provide grants for building façade improvements, a program quite successful in Laurel, and providing tax credits. Eisenberg pointed out for the latter that without development there are no taxes, so if credits can spur development, the city gains added revenue, even with the credits.

Councilmember Edward Putens pointed out that Laurel has its own zoning authority, giving it greater control over development than what Greenbelt has.

While some programs to facilitate development would work best with county involvement, pursuing new development around Roosevelt Center to strengthen its commercial viability was one the city could achieve on its own. Council needs to decide what added development would be suitable for this area, then put out to the development community a request for propos-

als. This way the city will be able to get what it wants in the way of development.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts disagreed, believing that the city would have no control because the area is not under the protection of a county-designated historic district and the county “tells us” what to do, to which Mayor Emmett Jordan and Councilmember Judith Davis strongly objected.

City Planner Terry Hruby told council that for development at Roosevelt Center, the city had a lot of control because it owned any land where expansion might take place. Elsewhere, she added, the city had less control over development.

Beltway Plaza

Eisenberg said it was possible to control development without owning the land if the property owners had incentive to work with the city. He referred to the recommendation to establish a private/public relationship with Beltway Plaza. He suggested as a possibility developing a 10-acre undeveloped section with mixed uses. Based on what has happened elsewhere and current assessments, he reported that this property was currently assessed at \$687,000, but if developed, would be valued at \$9.2 million. For the city this would mean taxes paid of \$785,000 instead of \$55,000.

“But what will it cost for schools and public facilities?” Roberts asked. Eisenberg agreed that was a good matter to consider.

Next Steps

Jordan asked what action steps should be taken. Davis advocated budgeting more funds to add to those budgeted this year to be used for economic stimulation and to continue to do this on a regular basis.

Putens asked what economic approach should be taken by the city if the FBI does not come to Greenbelt. What can be done with Greenbelt Station and Beltway Plaza? He also noted

two other adjacent properties on Greenbelt Road where development assistance might be useful: the Armory, which might close, and the former nursing home property.

Eisenberg advocated having a dialogue for a public/private partnership and to look about to see what else might be out there.

Councilmember Konrad Herling said the consultants had “passed the torch” to the city council for action. He felt it really important that the city manager put together a budget proposal that would implement council goals.

From the audience, Jeff Lemieux urged council to “Just do it” and hire an economic development coordinator. Patty Walters suggested seeking out start-ups in the artificial intelligence (robot) sector, which has over 40 subsectors, is fast growing and provides high paying jobs and a strong tax base.

Davis pointed out that Greenbelt is well-sited with the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center to the north, Goddard Space Flight Center to the east and the University of Maryland to the west. However, the city workforce should not be dependent on government contracts, which come and go.

Davis pointed out that council had not set its economic development goals yet. She urged council to schedule an all-day Saturday worksession to accomplish this, even though not all members might be able to attend. She asked that council consider setting a date at the next regular meeting.

Progress

At the meeting, it was noted that a major tenant has moved into vacant office space, improving the city’s office vacancy ratio, although it is still more than 30 percent. The company is T-Rex Corporation, an information technology company headquartered on Greenway Center Drive that does work for many government agencies including the Census Bureau.

Botanic Garden Hosts Russian Folk Group

On Thursday, December 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. the U.S. Botanic Garden presents a free concert by Samovar, a Russian folk music ensemble, playing an exciting mix of Russian, Ukrainian and Romani (Gypsy) folk songs. Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



A ring-necked duck takes a break from a Sunday swim.



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"Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols"
Saturday, December 24, 2016 at 7:30 pm
The Rev. Evan Keely; with Abby Wester, Worship Associate
A service of readings and song for Christmas Eve.

Sunday December 25 at 10:00 am
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Conservative and Reconstructionist

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relatively small group of 27 students to 119 with three orchestras. The group has been qualified for the Maryland State Orchestra Festival four years in a row. Her after school group, the Chamber Orchestra, has been invited to play by PGCPs Superintendent Kevin Maxwell at an upcoming showcase of different programs in the county at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on January 12, 2017.

Anna prides herself on being able to work with students on the full spectrum of musical ability and the rapport she has built with all of her students. This

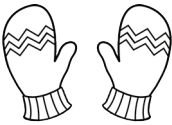
Blood Donations

It can't be wrapped or placed under a tree, but the perfect gift can help save patient lives this holiday season. The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give the lifesaving gift of a blood donation in December, a time when donations decline but the needs of patients remain steady.

Donors of all blood types are needed this holiday season to help ensure a sufficient supply for hospital patients. To encourage donations, all those who come to donate December 22 through January 8 will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to save time when donating.

Upcoming blood drives in the Greenbelt area are on December 23 from noon to 5 p.m. at the Diyanet Center of America, 9704 Good Luck Road, Lanham; on December 26 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall Bowie, 6111 Columbian Way; and on December 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bowie City Gymnasium, 4100 Northview Drive.



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includes some who have never before picked up an instrument. In order to build the program, she recruits from all of the GMS feeder schools, meeting with music teachers and students to talk about her program. Her greatest challenge is taking all of those students with various learning styles and backgrounds and making them coalesce. She noted that “there is a lot of improvement from the winter to spring concert.”

Seasonal Jazz At Botanic Garden

On Tuesday, December 27 from 6 to 8 p.m., the U.S. Botanic Garden will host Dial 251 for Jazz, a contemporary jazz ensemble. Evenings in the Conservatory are magical. Come for live seasonal music in the Garden Court. The concert is free. Limited seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Riversdale Candlelight Tours, Music Offered

On Friday, December 30 at 6 p.m. residents from three eras of Riversdale history welcome guests to the candlelit museum for tours, refreshments, live music and children's activities. There is a small fee. Children 12 and under are free with an adult. Call 301-864-0420, TTY 301-699-2544 or contact riversdale@pg-parks.com for more information.

Our sympathies to the family and friends of Patricia Wynkoop-Washington, who died on December 18.

Condolences to News Review staffer JoEllen Sarff whose mother died December 13. Geraldine "Geri" Marie Mathison, 88, lived in Rockford, Illinois.

Share your news for the next Our Neighbors column by sending details to kyoho@comcast.net, or call 202-957-3072.

- Karen Yoho



City Information

MEETINGS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 26-30
There are no meetings scheduled for this week.
Happy Holidays!

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES
Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Advisory Planning Board, Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee.
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City of Greenbelt Recreation Department
2017 Winter Activity Guide
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Happy Holidays!

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION
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2:30pm-3:30pm
Springhill Lake Elementary School
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Bring your own bags and rolling carts
Please come to the front entrance of the school no earlier than 2:15 pm and wait to be directed into the school to line up by the gym.

MEMORY SUPPORT GROUP AND CAFÉ
Wednesdays from January 18-March 29
Support Group 1:30-2:30pm
Cafe Group 1:30-3pm
Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Rd.

The Memory Support Group & Café provides a stigma-free environment for those with early-stage Alzheimer's disease, mild cognitive impairment or other forms of dementia and their spouses, partners and caregivers. It is a great opportunity for lively discussions, information gathering, refreshments, camaraderie, and engaging creative fun! Caregivers are encouraged to attend at least the first session.

If you are interested in participating, you must register with Sharon Johnson at 240-542-2029 or sjohnson@greenbeltmd.gov
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For City news, information, services and events visit
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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
City Offices will be closed
Monday, December 26,
and Monday, January 2, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE
Week of December 26 and January 2
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
Thursday Route – Collected Friday
There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 30, and Friday, January 6.

GREENBELT CONNECTION
The Greenbelt Connection will not operate on Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2.

This holiday season, consider making a Charitable Donation to City of Greenbelt's Agency Funds

Consider donating at this time of year to the Agency Funds, which helps our neighbors in need. Agency Funds are managed but not financed by the City. All donations to the funds are used for the listed charitable purposes.

Donation areas include the following:
The Recreation Department: funds used to support camp scholarships and special events.
Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau: the funds provide refreshments for the counseling sessions.
The Good Samaritan Fund: funds provide for out-of-town persons stranded in Greenbelt and monies for groceries for low income families with whom CARES is working.
Emergency Assistance Fund: funds assist Greenbelt residents at-risk of eviction.
Advisory Committee on Education (ACE): fund initiatives such as ACE scholarships.
The Greenbelt Theater: funds help keep the theater open.
Spay and Neuter Clinic Agency Fund: funds used to purchase supplies and equipment to perform cat and dog neuters at the shelter.

Checks may be made payable to the City of Greenbelt. Donors may direct their donation toward one or more of the agency funds. Donations are tax deductible and upon request a letter acknowledging your gift will be issued.

Thank you to all residents who have contributed in years past. Happy Holidays!

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The Snow Queen Dance Performance

On December 17 the Greenbelt Dance Studio gave a one-hour performance of The Snow Queen, an original production based on the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale. Through dance, the performers told the story of a brave young girl who rescues her best friend from the clutches of the cold-hearted Snow Queen. This Fall 2016 Dance Performance Club production featured a talented cast of over 20, ages 5 and up, performing a range of dance styles including ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary dance. Ten scenes in all were presented, beginning with the Snow Queen smashing the magical mirror and ending with Kai and Gerda returning to the Rose Garden.



Over 20 dancers, ages 5 and up, performed in The Snow Queen at the Community Center.

Happy Holidays



The cast dances in the rose garden.



The Snow Queen (Victoria McKeown) directs ice dancers (from left) Missy McBride, Natalie Umana and Einya Hyousse.

Photos by Beverly Palau



Kai (Madeleine McComb) and Gerda (Mila Shapiro) dance behind the roses. The roses are played by Viola Marie Pitts (left) and Mecca Lartigue (right).



Viola Marie Pitts and Mecca Lartigue dance as roses in the production of the Snow Queen.



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Snippets from the Past

Raid Drill Praised as Model for County

With the concern of the entire county turned toward Greenbelt, cooperation of local residents made Greenbelt one of the most completely dark towns participating in the practice black-out last Friday night, according to County Chief Air-Raid Warden Robert Forrest. "This is particularly gratifying," said Mr. Forrest, "since Greenbelt is one spot that stands out more than any other in the county."

From the Co-operator, December 22, 1941

Holiday Ideas to Go Green

by Erin Josephitis

The season of giving ought to be stress free. Instead of spending money on material possessions, consider sharing the gift of experiences. There are endless opportunities to support meaningful causes. Donate toys and non-perishable food to those in need. Spend priceless time making memories with family and friends by volunteering at local non-profit organizations. Need ideas? Check out volunteermatch.org to search for opportunities meeting your interests and availability. After enjoying your holiday dinner – of whenever possible local, seasonal and organic ingredients – go on a hike as a way to burn calories and reduce stress. These are some of the free and easy ways to bring nature home for the holidays.

If you're looking for an environmentally-friendly present, give family and friends a rain barrel and a compost bin for sustainable gifts that keep on giving all year. Don't forget to consider the amount and type of packaging materials used before making any purchases. Opt for recyclable cardboard products instead of Styrofoam packaging destined for the landfill. Although plastic film cannot be accepted in your curbside recycling bin, it can be recycled by bringing it to your local grocery store like the Co-Op. Also, remember to take reusable cloth bags on shopping trips to eliminate the need for paper or plastic grocery bags. These individual actions will make significant impacts on the future of the planet.

Household waste in the U.S. increases more than 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Wrapping paper and shopping bags alone account for 4 million tons of this waste. Imagine what a difference each of us can make simply through using easy alternatives to single-use wrapping paper, such

as scarves, handkerchiefs, bandanas, old posters or the comic section of newspapers. Replace ribbons and bows with natural evergreens, berries or dried flowers. Keep them as decorations or compost them after the gifts are unwrapped.

Be on the lookout for announcements about the TerraCycle drop-off center coming soon to Public Works. TerraCycle is eliminating the idea of waste by upcycling traditionally non-recyclable materials. Accepted materials at the TerraCycle drop-off center will include Brita and Pur filter products and packaging, Earth's Best and Go Go Squeeze baby food pouches, chip bags, CLIF and Luna brand energy bar wrappers and dental hygiene products (with the exception of electric toothbrushes). This project is made possible thanks to funding through the Jim Cassels Community Service Award and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. For more information, visit terracycle.com/en-US/.

Another resource conservation tip is to turn off or unplug holiday lights during the day to save energy and make them last longer. Recycle unwanted or broken holiday string lights at My Organic Market (MOM's) through January 31. Other unwanted light bulbs can be recycled at IKEA, Home Depot or Lowe's. Don't throw out old appliances when you get an upgrade. Take old electronics that are still working to donate at Value Village. Save damaged electronics to donate at the city's next quarterly electronics recycling collection event on Saturday, January 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at Public Works. Together, we can make the 2017 new year and the future of our earth a bright one.

Erin Josephitis is the City of Greenbelt Environmental Coordinator.



Commentary

The Movie 3 Brave Men Recalls A Tumultuous Time for the City

by James Giese

On November 15, Greenbelters had the opportunity to see the movie 3 Brave Men as it first premiered, in Cinemascope and on a large screen. Those attending also had the opportunity to hear personal commentary from Howard Chasanow, son of Abe, who also is represented in the movie story. This well-attended event was a joint effort of the Greenbelt Museum and the Old Greenbelt Theatre that successfully raised funds for the museum.

I have seen the movie on several occasions, the very first being late at night on a small screen TV but never before on a large screen in a movie house. It was a welcome event.

Greenbelt has received considerable national attention on three separate occasions: when it was first built in 1937, when a government employee was fired as a security risk in 1953 and when this newspaper won a libel case in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1972. Surprisingly, Abraham Chasanow played a principal role in two of these events. He was the government employee fired and the attorney for the developer who sued for libel. The latter event has become one of the most important court decisions regarding freedom of the press. The other resulted in a Pulitzer Prize for reporter and author Anthony Lewis for his coverage of the case and the filming of 3 Brave Men, based on Lewis's book.

The movie, part fiction but substantially factual, tells of Chasanow's suspension and dismissal from the federal government and how he fought to regain his job and reputation, but with all the names changed. Chasanow is Bernie Goldsmith, his son is Harvey and Greenbelt is Riverview. Although it gets the basic facts of the story correct, it treats the Navy and its assistant secretary James H. Smith, Jr. with kid gloves.

According to Wikipedia in its article on the movie, Bosley Crowther in the New York Times called it a "plainly pussyfooting picture" in which "the obvious point of the real-life drama is avoided and an imaginary target is devised."

Fired

Chasanow, a 23-year employee of the Navy's Hydrographic Office, was suspended on July 29, 1953 for being a security risk and fired on April 7, 1954, even though he had been exonerated by a review board. He went public with his case upon the advice of his attorney, Joseph Fanelli, and became the subject of a series of stories by Lewis. The



Chasanow and some of his Greenbelt supporters

national press then picked up the story and Time magazine did a major story about Chasanow and Greenbelt. The result was a second hearing by a special review board on May 4, 1954, a decision to reverse the termination and on September 1, a formal apology made to Chasanow, who returned to work and received back pay for the time suspended and terminated.

It was not just Chasanow put on trial, it was Greenbelt itself, for Chasanow was accused by Greenbelters for associating with residents in such subversive activities as supporting cooperatives and liberal causes. As Russell Greenbaum editorialized in this newspaper, then called The Cooperator, on April 22, 1954, "... the government employees who make up a large portion of Greenbelt's population are seriously concerned as to how this case may affect them. The implication in the charges, as ridiculous as it may appear to those of us who live here, is that Greenbelt is a hotbed of left-wing radicals, or worse."

Red Menace

Americans thought we had destroyed dictatorships in World War II, but then came Communism and the dictatorship of the proletariat. The late 1940s and early 1950s were a time of great fear that Communism would take over the world and, to do so, its adherents had subversively infiltrated the very foundations of our government as well as the movie industry. Crazy fear had been fostered by the House Un-

American Activities Committee and the wild charges of Senator Joseph McCarthy. The flames fanned by McCarthy and others led to mandated hunts to find and fire anyone who might in any way be considered a security risk in federal agencies and elsewhere. Loyalty oaths were required of many.

By 1953, however, opposition to McCarthy and his tactics was developing, although many in government were still running scared. In 1954, publicly-televised Congressional hearings relating to McCarthy's charges about subversives in the Army resulted in McCarthy being discredited and the communist menace era began to end.

The Big Sale

At the same time, Greenbelt was undergoing its own major upheaval. Shortly after it was built, Congress had ordered the Agriculture Department to sell Greenbelt and the other two garden cities built in the Franklin Roosevelt administration. But wars got in the way and it wasn't until the Eisenhower administration that the sales took place. In Greenbelt, with the government's blessings, residents formed a new cooperative, Greenbelt Veterans Housing Cooperative (GVHC) to buy all the existing housing. The government provided favorable terms and financing for the purchase of all the row homes by the cooperative. The apartment buildings, however, were offered separately on a bid basis as rental

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apartments. GVHC also tried to purchase these buildings, but only its bid for two buildings on Parkway was successful.

Before the sale, residents paid low rents and received great services from the government. Now, to continue to live here, residents had to invest in an untested new cooperative and pay higher monthly fees. Being a co-owner in a cooperative turned off many residents. Others wanted things to stay as they had been and to continue to pay low rents. They fought to stay in their homes while refusing to join GVHC.

GVHC, on the other hand, needed to have all units occupied by member purchasers and the government was adamant about selling the property.

Chasanow was very active in city affairs. He had served as president of the Greenbelt Citizen’s Association, a major organization strongly involved in city activities, the PTA and the Greenbelt Lions Club. He was an attorney and, as such, served as legal counsel and secretary to GVHC as well as to another citizen group that was purchasing from the government and subdividing into home lots a tract of land along the south side of Greenbelt Lake, Lakeside.

When GVHC and the government reached final agreement on the purchase of the row homes, all those who were not members received a year’s notice to vacate their units by August 31, 1953, if the units had been acquired by new members. Then in July 1953, representing the cooperative, Chasanow gave residents of 350 units their notices to vacate by August 31. On August 31, a mass move-out by 150 resident families occurred, leaving piles of discarded belongings everywhere and removing from the town many of its most vocal dissenters. But by then the damage had been done.

While the movie tells of Chasanow, as represented by Goldsmith, signing the eviction notices, the brief explanation was insufficient for people not knowledgeable about Greenbelt to understand.

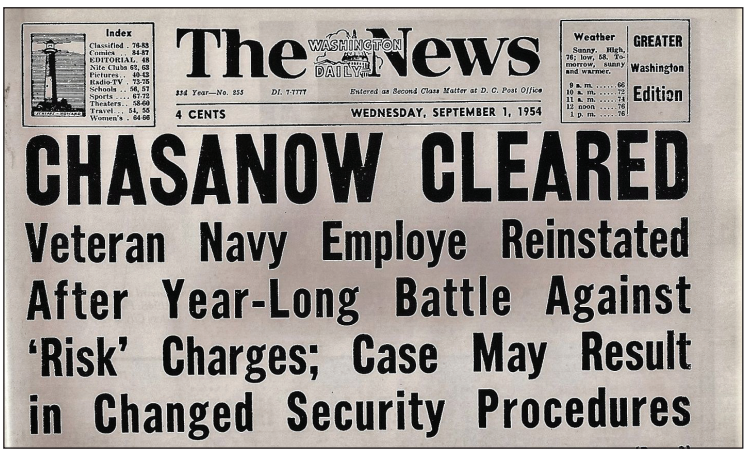
Suspensions

According to a May 10, 1954, Time Magazine article, five out of 11 men living in Greenbelt (Howard Chasanow said four) employed by the Navy Hydrographic Office were suspended as security risks; all were Jewish. Keith A. Winsell, author of Chapter 5, “Utopia in Transition,” in Greenbelt: History of a New Town identifies Mike Salzman as one. Salzman, deputy director of Distribution Control, apparently was the first.

While Chasanow signed the eviction notices, Salzman was the president and chief spokesman for GVHC. The Cooperator regularly had articles about the progress of GVHC and Salzman was the cooperative’s chief spokesman.

Then suddenly, in the July 30, 1953, issue, a page one story announced Salzman’s resignation from GVHC to leave for California on August 31 to work for a medical and surgical supply company, the same date as the great move-out.

In the movie, before Goldsmith (Chasanow) is aware of his own troubles, a fellow employee tells him that an employee is under investigation for his associat-



Page one headline of the Washington Daily News.

ing with un-American groups and asks Goldsmith for advice. Goldsmith declares that it is necessary for the Navy to root out all security risks and urges his co-worker to own up to his wrongdoings, something Goldsmith later regrets saying. My guess is that the other employee referred to in the movie was Salzman.

On the very same date the Salzman story appeared in the Cooperator, Chasanow learned of his immediate suspension. According to the Time article, Chasanow was accused of contributing 50 cents to the United American Spanish Aid Committee, a subversive group; paying another 50 cents for a one-time subscription to “the Communist newsletter” In Fact; belonging to the National Lawyers’ Guild, cited as a Communist-front organization; having the names of two men on his desk, one a Communist, the other a National Lawyers’ Guild member; and contributing to the Cooperator, which had been listed as a member of a subversive book association.

Reaction

In the movie, the Goldsmith family is at first shunned and harassed by the community and they close their window blinds to the outside. Howard Chasanow said it was as much his father’s concern that if he talked or associated with anyone that person would become tainted as a security risk.

This changed in the movie when the pastor of a Protestant church urged the family to rejoin the community and join their friends downtown, the rabbi being unavailable. Reverend Terry Braund, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church and a very influential civic leader, was that pastor and did gather community support for Chasanow and urged him to fight the charges. Other prominent Greenbelters who came to Chasanow’s support were Mayor Frank Lastner, Police Chief George Panagoulis, Town Clerk Winfield McCamy and Father Victor Dowgiallo of St. Hugh’s Church. Time said in its story that at Chasanow’s first appeal hearing in October 1953 before a review board, 97 affidavits vouching for his character were filed, “ranging from admirals to the Greenbelt postman.”

Howard Chasanow identified the postman as Greenbelt resident Lee Shields’s father, Shields being in the audience for the movie and talk. The postman is a character in the movie who is portrayed as a gruff man who shows dislike for Goldsmith, but later announces that his reason for doing so had nothing to do with Goldsmith’s lack of patriotism. He then becomes a strong supporter of Goldsmith. Other old-time Greenbelters have told

me that while they personally disliked Chasanow, who could be controversial, they in no way believed he was disloyal to his country.

Even though the Cooperator was named as one of Chasanow’s subversive-leaning associations, it never did a story on Chasanow’s suspension or appeals, only the Greenbaum editorial before his suspension and an Iz Parker editorial after vindication. Nor did it ever report that Parker, the paper’s editor, who also worked for the Hydrologic Office, was suspended in January 1954. (Never fired, Parker, who most Greenbelters knew as Izzy, was eventually reinstated.)

On August 13, two weeks after Chasanow’s suspension, while never mentioning Salzman, Chasanow or anyone else by name, the Cooperator indicated that something was terribly amiss in Utopia without saying so. Its front-page story, Webster Deplores False Rumors About GVHC Board, Management began, “There is no reason for members to fear the continued existence of their corporation, or the security of their investments in their homes. So spoke Ralph Webster, acting President of the housing group in an exclusive interview with The Cooperator. Webster was disturbed by the charges and allegations made about the corporation and its members and directors during the last few weeks.”

The story reports that Webster cited three reasons not to be alarmed, one of which was that even though not required to do so, the cooperative, as an

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Assault
December 14, 1:33 p.m., 6200 block Greenbelt Road. A bank customer, in the middle of a transaction at the ATM at Capital One Bank, was approached by a man who asked the customer to deposit a check into the customer’s account. The customer refused, at which time the man pushed him aside and deposited the check into the customer’s account without his consent. The man demanded the customer’s phone number and then left.

Theft
December 9, 4:04 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence. A witness described the person who took it as a black teen 16 to 17 years old, with a dark complexion, wearing orange shoes.

December 9, 5:28 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

December 14, 7800 block Mandan Road. Two nonresidents, 18 and 19 years old, were arrested and charged with theft after an officer observed a suspicious vehicle blocking in another vehicle in a parking lot, with one of the teens attempting to hide from

him. Both teens were located. Two wheels and rims were found missing from a vehicle and the tires were found inside the teens’ vehicle. Both were released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crime
A white 2-door 2000 Toyota Celica with Md. tags 7CC4116 was stolen December 13 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Four tires and rims were taken from a vehicle in the 6000 block Springhill Drive on December 11.

On December 13 in the 9100 block Springhill Lane, a rear driver-side door was broken out and a construction laser and tools were taken. The rear windshield was also broken out and paint was scratched.

A witness reported seeing a man vandalize a vehicle in the 200 block Lakeside Drive and then flee on foot. The vehicle had damage to both side mirror and a brake light.

The front tag bracket was broken in the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Six windshields in the 6000 block Springhill Drive were broken out on December 11. One of these vehicles also had all four tires punctured.

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Cops and Kids Go Shopping, Eat Pizza, Wrap Gifts, Smile

by Sue Krofchik

What’s better than being a kid in a candy shop? How about being a kid with a \$150 gift card to spend at Target to buy Christmas presents for themselves and their family.

Twenty youngsters from Franklin Park apartments selected by school administrators were partnered with Greenbelt police officers and other volunteers on Saturday, December 10 for Shop with a Cop, a program to help those with financial needs have a special Christmas. Also joining in were members of the Platinum Rollers Motorcycle Club, a local group that includes police officers.

Kids adjusted the reindeer antlers they were wearing and got red shopping carts to fill, and off through the aisles they and their partners went. Some made a beeline to toys and others to electronics, while some just weren’t sure where to go first or what to get. Partners gave suggestions.

Games, toys, dolls, cars and trucks and clothing items were placed in carts. Program organizer Sgt. Scott Kaiser thought of everything, even making sure that one youngster who spoke Spanish was partnered with her very own Spanish-speaking officer.

One boy selected only items for each member of his family and had to be told to be sure to get something for himself. Another wanted to get “things to keep my mom warm.” One lucky dad who likes to watch movies will be getting two. When one mother unwraps her gift she’ll find a neck pillow her daughter knows she needs. Another child and partner searched for an umbrella.

“It was awesome,” said Officer Konetta Brown, new to Greenbelt’s force, who experienced her first Shop with a Cop. Veteran of the program Pfc. Irelisse Fernandez still finds the event amazing. Both plan to return next year.

Shop with a Cop is an annual program sponsored by Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) Lodge #32, Target, 3 Brothers Pizza, Franklin Park apartments and donations from many residents. Kaiser learned about the program from officers in other jurisdictions and introduced it to the Greenbelt FOP. It’s now in its 10th year here and over 180 youngsters have participated.

Despite the fun, shopping for an hour worked up appetites and some shoppers claimed to be starving. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and 3 Brothers Pizza saved them and the day with pizza for everyone at the fire hall. Once energy levels rose, gifts were wrapped to take home and hide until Christmas.

Will other kids get the chance to shop with a cop next year? “As long as we can afford it,” said Kaiser.



Twenty children from Franklin Park apartments partnered with Greenbelt police officers and other volunteers to shop for Christmas presents.

Photos by Taylor Mathews



Police officers Carlos Torres (above), Konetta Brown (below) and Acting Chief Tom Kemp (below right) assisted the children. Retired Chief James Craze and Celia Craze (above right) also volunteered at the event.



Greenbelt History in Photos

Attick Family Home

by Jame Giese

(This is the ninth in a series of historic photograph presentations that help tell the story of Greenbelt’s early history. The photo is courtesy of the Greenbelt Museum from its collection of photographs first published in Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-87.)

This late 1935 aerial photograph shows the location of some of the small farms that existed before the federal government built Greenbelt. By then, the land had petered out for tobacco growing and little crop farming remained.

At the photo’s top left, you can see that clearing work had begun on Greenbelt Lake. The road angling near the photo’s bottom from left to right is Edmonston Road, now mostly replaced by Kenilworth Avenue. The other road going off to the right is Branchville Road, now called Greenbelt Road.

Many of the existing buildings were torn down when Greenbelt was constructed. A few remained and were rented out until the

property was developed. Third City Manager Charles McDonald and his family once resided at a home where the Beltway Plaza now stands. All original buildings have now been torn or burned down with one exception, the American Legion Home on Greenbelt Road which has been greatly modified.

The building on the far side (east side) of Edmonston to the left-middle in the aerial photo would appear to be the location which former Public Work’s Director Buddy Attick described to me as the family home in which he grew up. If I remember correctly, Buddy’s father Albert, Sr. bought the property and moved his family there. While they did grow vegetables, like most other Greenbelt residents of the early thirties, Albert worked a job – he had a barber shop in Berwyn (now a part of College Park). His son Mayo also became a barber and took over the business which served the area community until fairly recently.

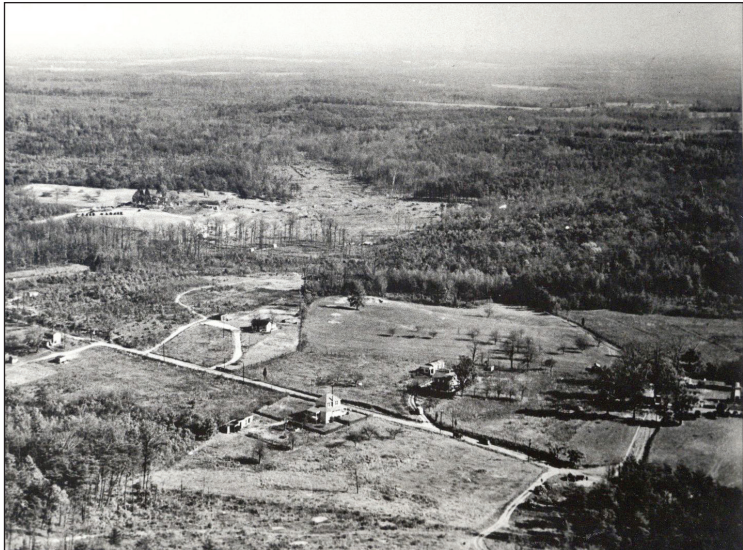


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Aerial view from 1935 of the small farms that existed before Greenbelt was built.

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To All My Greenbelt Friends and Neighbors

Wishing you every happiness in this most beautiful of seasons and peace in the year to come!

Judith “J” Davis

Greenbelt Cub Scouts Collect Food for Needy

by Nissa N. Copemann

Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202 celebrated another successful year of Scouting for Food, a national initiative of the Boy Scouts of America. Held each year in anticipation of Thanksgiving, scouts nationwide deliver empty grocery bags throughout neighborhoods asking for non-perishable food items to help stock food pantries in their respective communities. Here in Greenbelt, Pack 202 partnered with Greenbelt Boy Scouts Troop 746 to

deliver grocery bags, courtesy of Safeway Stores, throughout Old Greenbelt to collect donations for the 2016 holiday season. The boys ultimately collected 1,500 pounds of food for distribution to needy families via St. Hugh's Catholic Church and Help By Phone in Berwyn Heights. Cub Scouts Pack 202 meets at the Community Church every Thursday at 7 p.m. For information on how to join the pack visit pack202.org.



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Members of Greenbelt Cub Scouts Pack 202, along with Cubmaster Jonathan Murray and Den Leader Kelly Mullen, pose outside St. Hugh's Church with a sample of the 1,500 pounds of food they collected for needy families.



ERHS Basketball Victory



Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Gus Okafor (#20) was nearly unstoppable in Tuesday night's game against High Point. The Eagles kept it close in the first half, but in the second half the Raiders toughened up on defense and scored well from both inside and from beyond the three-point line. Final score was ERHS 58, High Point 40.



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